LEVEL ONE

Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

News and Information from the
Northwest Washington Synod
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Princess Angeline

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Mark your calendars for a film treat at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, at St. John United, 5515 Phinney Ave. North, Seattle.

The Duwamish Tribe's new film, *Princess Angeline,* documents the life of the daughter of Chief Seattle and the history of the first people of the Seattle area who are currently actively reclaiming this history. Tribal Chairwoman Cecile Hanson will be speaking. Food will be served.

The showing is sponsored by the first group in the United States to complete the new ELCA year long study, *Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the Church - a Journey for White Christians from Privilege to Partnership* (now available from Augsburg, see below). This group of 12 from St. John United and Immanuel, Seattle, are committed allies with the Duwamish in their quest for a longhouse and recognition.

From Augsburg Fortress: The year long study, *Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the Church - A Journey for White Christians from Privilege to Partnership* is now available from Augsberg Publishing House for $35. It includes a Leader's Guide and Participants

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Changes to Synod Staff Job Descriptions and Titles

Last September, with the departure of Donene Blair, the Synod Personnel Committee and Bishop Chris Boerger determined that it would be a good time to examine how the work of the synod office was being accomplished.

After months of research, two new job descriptions have been created to better reflect the work of the synod office. Elaine Harrison is now the Synod Relations Administrator. Elaine is the primary contact person; she's the one you most often will hear on the other end of the phone. The second synod office position is called Office Administrator. This person is the one who will take care of the records management and administration of all office systems. (This position is open until the end of the month. Please see page 14 for an overview.) Margit Peiffle's position remains the same, though her title has been changed to Synod Communications Administrator. Jim Goeben continues as Webmaster.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah France, Synod Personnel Committee Chair, at 360-794-2111.

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*Deadline for the **March 2005 issue of Soundings and The Spirit** is Monday, January 31. Send information to: **Margit Peiffle, 21721 88th Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223;** margit@lutheransnw.org; **425-299-6667;***
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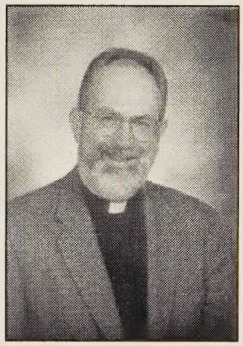
A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend Chris Boerger

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
Matthew 25:40 NRSV

The world is still reeling from the earthquake and tsunami that struck the Indian Ocean and surrounding countries. We are reminded again that for all of our advance technology, the world is a dangerous place. The simple power of wind and wave humble our power and our knowledge. We are creatures in a world that is not under our control.

That being said we are also people who have been richly blessed with resources and compassion. I first learned of the tragedy while on vacation and in church during the prayers of the people. My first reaction on learning of the scope of the events was to turn to Lutheran Disaster Response. This part of our church brings ELCA and LCMS members together to act as God's people in response to the challenge.

I would hope that we would speak of the quick and good response of Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). It is important that our members know that they have an opportunity to act in a way that delivers immediate aid to persons affected by disasters. This past year has seen floods in Iowa, hurricanes in Florida and the Caribbean, and earthquake/tsunami in the Indian Ocean. All have been addressed by the Lutherans of this country.

I am often asked why we have a synod or ELCA. There are a number of possible responses to that question. For this time I would raise up the ability of individuals to get on the website and respond to the needs of the world. We have the infrastructure in place through the regular benevolence giving of members and congregations. We can respond immediately when disasters strike.

I have asked Margit Peiffle, Communications Administrator, and Jim Goeben, Webmaster to automatically highlight Lutheran Disaster Response on the website whenever there is a major disaster. You and the members (and even non-members) of your congregations can go there immediately and respond.

Jesus spoke of the church responding to those in need, "In as much as you have done it to the least of these... you have done it to me." The first disciples did not know of the Internet and instant communication. We do and we can use these tools to respond. Lutheran Disaster Response is just such a tool.

Helping Those Affected by the Tsunami

by Franklin Ishida, ELCA Global Mission

Editor's Note: There is often confusion about the role and responsibilities of the ELCA International Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief. Following is some information that might help outline how these two organizations work together.

The ELCA is a church body and as such relates to other churches. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is a relief organization. Both ELCA and LWR are part of the Action by Churches Together (ACT) network. ACT coordinates the ELCA's and LWR's church-based relief agencies and funding agencies. LWR has particular relief and development interests, while the ELCA has church companions as a primary point of interest; these two are not incompatible, just different angles to the same interest.

As we go further into the tsunami relief efforts, there is overlap in our connections, communications and approaches. Much of this is monitored and coordinated through ACT, and funds end up in similar places and are well used.

LWR is a trusted partner of the ELCA that coordinates the efforts of US-based Lutheran churches in times of disaster and works in their behalf with community-based organizations to achieve sustainable development. The ELCA will continue to strive to accompany churches and their needs. There may be ways in which the ELCA will be called upon to assist where other agencies or organizations are not involved.

So, continued support of ELCA International Disaster Response is critical as we continue to strive to accompany those in great need, especially the affected churches. Support for Lutheran World Relief also is important in ongoing efforts as the ELCA and LWR work together in common efforts.

For LWR information and giving please visit to www.lwr.org.

For ELCA International Disaster Relief information and giving please visit: www.elca.org/disaster/sasiatsunami.html. On this page you will find a link to a reproducible bulletin insert, a list of ELCA news releases sharing with you information about how the ELCA is helping and much more. Photos are also available. Prayers can be found at www.elca.org/disaster/tsunami-prayer.html.

Matching Grant for Tsunami Victims

Thrivent Financial has established a $2 million matching grant benefiting *Wave of Giving*™. The matching grant is extended to all 2.8 million Thrivent Financial members across the country. Thrivent Financial member donations to Lutheran World Relief will be matched $1 for $1 through April 15, 2005, up to $2 million. As a result, a total of $5 million will benefit tsunami victims ($1 million gift; $2 million matching dollars; $2 million in member contributions).

If you are a Thrivent member you can download the form for the matching grant at www.thrivent.com/fraternal/tsunami.html. Additional information is also available.

ELCA Gives to Tsunami Victims

ELCA International Disaster Response has released $150,000 for immediate relief efforts.

Of this, $100,000 is being sent to Action by Churches Together (ACT) for overall needs in the region, coordinated through ACT. $30,000 is designated particularly for the work of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India; and $20,000 earmarked for other regional relief work in Indonesia.

On January 5, an additional $100,000 was sent to Lutheran World Relief's tsunami relief efforts. On January7, an additional $15,000 was approved for the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India.

All contributions received by ELCA International Disaster Response will be directed 100% to relief efforts in South Asia. Monetary contributions may be sent to:

ELCA International Disaster Response
PO Box 71764
Chicago, IL 60694-1764

Or, if you would prefer to give by credit card, please visit www.elca.org/disaster/sasiatsunami.html.

wave of giving™

A rebuilding campaign for South Asia

State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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In early January congregations received a packet of information announcing Lutheran Advocacy Day on Tuesday, March 1. This is an excellent opportunity to exercise the Church's public voice and your baptismal vocation as an advocate for the poor and vulnerable. We encourage you to come to Olympia.

If you have not registered please do so by either emailing advocacyday@comcast.net, calling 206-464-4133 or visiting our web site at lppowa.org. Remember, Advocacy Day is an excellent time to personally experience the legislative process, meet with your legislators and with other concerned Lutherans. (Our religious advocacy partners, Washington Association of Churches and the Washington State Catholic Conference, are having their advocacy day on Thursday, Feb. 24.)

If distance or work makes attendance unfeasible please consider attending one of the regional legislative briefings sponsored by the Washington Association of Churches and co-sponsored by Lutheran Public Policy:

- Spokane – Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Unitarian Universalist Church (9:30 am to 3 pm)
- Tacoma – Thursday, Jan. 27, at First Christian Church (7 pm to 9 pm)
- Seattle – Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. John United Lutheran (8:30 am to12:30 pm)
- Yakima – Saturday, Feb. 12, at United Christian Church (9 am to noon)

Please be sure to pray for your state legislators and the governor on a regular basis during this session (which runs through April). An important advocacy tool to encourage people to use is the toll-free legislative hotline number, 1-800-562-6000. You can leave up to four messages at one time: the governor and your three state legislators. The hours during the session are Monday-Friday 8 am to 8 pm and on Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm. To receive our email alerts during the legislative session and throughout the year, or to be a coordinator of or involved in an email alert network within your legislative or congressional district, write to pbenz@lcsnw.org.

I am currently looking for congregations to speak about advocacy and its connection to word and sacrament for the months of March, April and May.

Maritime Ministry Dinner

Offer Them Christ—A fund raiser dinner for the Maritime Ministry . Come and join others for the festive event at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Trinity in Lynnwood. For reservations: Rev William Hutter, 360-387-9894; Betty Johnson, 425-252-2508; Anna Marie Klein, 425-746-2831; Hans Lenchow, 425-746-9760; Floyd Squires, 206-542-1281

Update
ELCA **Board of Pensions**

The Synod's local regional representative is

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- **ELCA Investment Performance**—For ELCA Retirement Plan investment returns as of Nov. 30, visit www.elcabop.org/news_events/performance.
- **Take the Mayo Clinic's Health Risk Assessement**—ELCA rostered leaders and churchworkers have the opportunity to take Mayo Clinic's Health Risk Assessment to help them confidentially evaluate and manage their health. This online tool, available through March 13, will help them understand their health risks and take steps to ensure a healthier future. Watch for more information at www.elcaforwellness.org.
- **ELCA Health Plan Changes for 2005**—As your advocate we are always looking for ways to improve benefits while controlling costs. 2005 plan changes can be found at www.elcabop.org/news_events/plan_changes. Some highlights of the changes include: coverage for annual routine physical exams, coverage for annual routine vision and hearing exams, increased annual limit for behavioral health wellness visits, relaxed precertification requirements for behavioral health visits, new benefits for smoking cessation and weight loss treatment and services, and preventive services for dental benefit increased to 90 percent.
- **Enhance Your Retirement Savings**—Saving a little today will grow into a sizable amount in the future. Learn how making your own pretax contributions to your ELCA Retirement account will enhance your future retirement savings at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/your_pretax_contributions.asp.
- **Important Notice for ELCA Employers**—Please remember, whenever there is a change in a member's salary reduction or housing equity contribution, a new Contribution Agreement form needs to be completed and sent to the Board of Pensions. Timely reporting of this information helps us more accurately administer benefits. The Contribution Agreement form is available to download at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/downloads (select Retirement plan).
- **Spread the Word**—Is there a new treasurer or administrator in your congregation? If you know someone who could benefit from receiving our employer-news e-mail newsletter encourage them to subscribe today at www.elcabop.org/news_events/email_newsletter.asp.

2005 Synod Assembly News

by Pastor Jeff Russell, Chair, 2005 Synod Assembly and pastor at Central, Everett

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Greetings from the Sno-Isle Cluster. Our cluster is the for the 2005 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly to be held in Everett, May 20-21. Our them is *Marked with the Cross of Christ forever.*

Home of the Aquasox, the Silvertips, big planes and big boats, Scoop Jackson, one of the largest Marina's on the west coast, and the memory of pulp and lumber mills. Only one mill is left in Milltown and the air is fresh and clear.

Seated at round tables in the spacious ballroom of the new downtown Everett Events Center we will have a view of the Cascades off one end and Mount Boerger at the other. More importantly we will do what is important for Christ's church to do: come together, worship, learn, deliberate, decide, and leave for witness and service.

When we leave we will be marked not with a salmon or crableg, neither sawdust nor a two by four, not a navy anchor nor a Boeing insignia, not a baseball bat nor a hockey puck. We will come together and leave with a reminder of what we arrived with, leaving with what has been on our brows since our baptism. We will come together and go forth with that which eternally and powerfully unites us beyond all our temporal disagreements, for we are *Marked with the Cross of Christ forever.*

For more information about the 2005 Synod Assembly, please visit www.lutheransnw.org/news/Assembly2005. More information will be added as it becomes available.

Nominations for the 2005 Synod Assembly

by Claudia LaFollette, Member, 2005 Nominating Committee

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The 2005 Synod Assembly will elect persons to serve on the Consultation Committee and the Committee on Discipline of the Northwest Washington Synod.

Both committees consist of 12 persons, of whom half shall be ordained ministers and half shall be laypersons. Each is elected by the Synod Assembly for a term of six years without consecutive reelection.

In certain situations, including those concerning substantive congregational disagreements or allegations against rostered persons, congregations or individual members, a synod bishop may utilize a panel from the members of the Consultation Committee for assistance in resolving the situation. If formal charges have been presented, a synod bishop utilizes members of the Committee on Discipline to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to sustain the charges and, under certain circumstances, to decide the discipline to be imposed.

A complete description of the functions of both committees is set forth in Chapter 20 of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing

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Deadlines and Resolutions

for the 2005 Synod Assembly

by Rev. Christopher D. Berry Chairperson

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This is a call for resolutions to be submitted to the 2005 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly. The synod council has adopted the following deadlines for the submission of resolutions:

- **Any resolutions to be considered by the 2005 Synod Assembly shall be received in the Synod Office by March 1, 2005,** unless the Synod Council or the Reference and Counsel Committee determines that it is consistent with provisions of the Standing Rules adopted by the Synod Assembly for consideration.
- For the 2005 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, any resolutions responding to actions of the Church Council meeting of April 2005, that include a memorial to the Churchwide Assembly, shall be considered as having 'overriding importance' and 'germane' to the assembly and shall be considered by the Reference and Counsel Committee for distribution prior to the Synod Assembly if they are received in the Synod Office no later than noon on Monday, May 9, 2005.

For the Reference and Counsel Committee to do its job correctly, we must have the information that is provided on the resolution submittal form, including daytime phone number and email address of the person responsible for submitting the resolution. We are committed to working with the drafters of the resolutions, but we need to be able to correspond if needed.

The form may be found on the Synod Web Site at: www.lutheransnw.org/news/Assembly2005/deadlinesforms.asp.

If anyone would like to submit a resolution to the Assembly, but needs information or help in drafting their resolution, please email me with your questions. A member of the committee will be more than happy to help you in your endeavor.

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Nominations for 2005 Synod Assembly

Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and in Chapter 17 of the Synod constitution.

A nomination form is included in this issue of Soundings and may also be found on the Synod website at www.lutheransnw.org. Please note that the nomination forms will be reproduced as submitted, except information regarding the person submitting the nomination. For biographical information to be included in the Synod Assembly business packets, this form is due to the Nominating Committee by March 1, 2005. Send nominations to: Nominating Committee; Northwest Washington Synod; 5519 Phinney Ave North; Seattle, WA 98103-5829; fax 206-783-9833; email office@lutheransnw.org.

Eighth Annual Men's Retreat

Bethlehem in Marysville will again host a weekend men's gathering February 26-27 at The Hawthorne Inn in Arlington.

Gathering under the theme *Under Construction* the eighth annual two-day event will include Bishop Chris Boerger as the Bible Study Leader, Pastor Paul Shoup from Lutheran Counseling Network, Kevin Berg from *Move On Ministries*, as well as members of the Bethlehem staff.

A returning favorite will be music provided by The Sons of Thunder, a contemporary Christian men's music team, led by Tom Frodsham. Registration deadline is January 27. (A free Family Night Program on Friday, Feb. 25, with Kevin Berg and The Sons of Thunder.)

Call 360-659-2022 for more information and registration for the February 26-27 event.

Run The Race: Keep The Faith

Lutheran Men in Mission's National Gathering will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, from July 22-24. The theme for this year's gathering is *Run the Race: Keep the Faith.*

Give the "rat race" a rest and run the race that counts. Be encouraged by inspirational speakers. Get equipped for life and ministry with enlightening workshop leaders. The worship and fellowship will draw you into a deeper relationship with God. Visit www.elca.org/lmm for more informaiton. In 2002, over 600 men gathered in San Antonio, Texas, with less than ten from our own Northwest Washington Synod. Consider sending a delegation this time around. The men of the South Carolina Synod have been preparing for three years for us to all come down there.

Women of the ELCA To Gather in San Antonio

The Women of the ELCA Sixth Triennial Gathering will take place from July 5 through 10 in San Antonio, Texas. Registration opens on February 1. Visit www.womenoftheelca.org and click on *Act Boldly* for information about the event. Spread the word among the women in your congregation that the information they've been waiting for is now on the web.

Act Boldly, the theme for the 2005–2008 triennium, not only embraces a core element of the Women of the ELCA mission statement adopted at the 2002 convention, but also directs us toward our next step as we move out from *Listen, God Is Calling*: Now that we have spent time listening to and for God's call, we are encouraged to do—with conviction and with boldness—what we have been called to do.

Church. Reborn.

Church. Reborn. This conference is presented together with Joy Leadership Center and will be simulcast to St. Matthew in Renton, on February 2 and 3. Conference sessions will be led by Ron Mortoia, Rev. Mike Breen, Rev. Kelly Fryer, Dr. Walt Kallestad and Rev. Tim Wright.

Church.Reborn. addresses some of the recent challenges faced by many churches, particularly those of mainline denominations. The advantage of hosting the conference locally is that we are bringing in some people with proven practices who will speak more directly to the needs that many of you have identified as pressing in your setting. These speakers include: George Tan who has fresh insight on how to do ministry in an area that is increasingly culturally diverse; the team from Sammamish Hills who has developed a solid intergenerational mentoring program; and Stuart Bond who knows what it takes to empower leaders, and transform how power is shared and decisions are made.

The general sessions of this conference will be broadcast and sent via satellite to us here at St. Matthew's. We have the ability to view both live and delayed sessions giving us the ability to offer the four-day conference in two days. We know this will be a benefit for those who commute.

Don't miss this opportunity to take a look at the new challenges and opportunities facing us and take the time to meet and share experiences with other church leaders in our area. Please feel free to call Julie Bailey at 425-226-2420, ext 110, for more information or you can check us out on the web at www.smlc.cc.

Grants and Scholarships Available

Two opportunities are available through the Women of the ELCA: scholarships and grants.

The purpose of the Opportunity Scholarships for Lutheran Laywomen is to provide assistance to women studying for a career other than the ordained ministry. For more information about the scholarships visit www.womenoftheelca.org/whatwedo/scholarships.html.

Women of the ELCA awards grants annually. The organization encourages applications addressing a broad range of issues within rural, urban and suburban sectors. The focus in 2005 is strengthening families and communities. Awards for grants generally range from $500 to $5,000. For more information visit www.womenoftheelca.org/whatwedo/grants.html

The application deadline for both grants and scholarships is February 15.

News and Notes

- Have you seen the January issue of *The Lutheran*? The article called, *When is it time to move?*, was written by **Barbara Sharkey**, member of Faith in Seattle. Check it out on pages 24 and 25.
- Have you seen the newest edition to *Christ In Our Home?* **Marcia Erickson Bates**, wife of Rev. Kevin Bates (Advent, Snohomish), wrote the devotions for March 16 through 31.
- **Gethsemane, Seattle,** will be celebrating their 120th Anniversary on Sunday, February 6, with a special worship service at 10 a.m. followed by a social hour and a celebration luncheon.
- LYONS has their own website at www.roaringlyons.org. LYONS (Lutheran Youth of North Seattle) is the shared High School and Middle School-aged youth ministry of Ballard First, Bethany Lutheran, Calvary, Crown, Denny Park, Luther Memorial, Our Redeemer's, Phinney Ridge, Queen Anne and St. John United Lutheran Churches..

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Princess Angeline

Guide. It comes from the ELCA's Commission for Multicultural Ministries. Members of the first group to complete it from St.. John United and Immanuel, Seattle, call it "life changing." The study takes about 40 hours over the course of a year (the equivalent of only one work week) and helps us see how the privileges we have only because we are white are historic, bestowed whether we want them or not, and have everything to do with how welcoming and diverse our congregations are. Members of this study group are ready to facilitate a group in your congregation. Call Marilyn Bode at 360-297-2213 or email at lidenbode@aol.com for information.

Video Resources

In The Resource Center

To reserve videos. contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

In The Region 1 Resource Center

The Neighbor—The Parable of the Good Samaritan, V-1349

The Neighbor comes to us from the American Bible Society. It is a video translation of Luke 10:25-37. *The Neighbor* challenges viewers to see that our "neighbors," in Jesus' eyes, are not only people of our own social group, people who appeal to us, but also those "outsiders" whom we might be tempted to dislike and reject. This resource is appropriate for either youth or adult bible study. It features a young multicultural cast, stunning cinematography and an original music score. It was shot on location in Alviso, California. It is 12 minutes in length and comes with a discussion guide.

Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

† **Rev. Jerry Buss, Oak Harbor in Oak Harbor,** has completed his radiation treatments and is currently on sabbatical. Cards can be sent to Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW Second Ave, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

† **Rev. Brian Beistel, Luther Memorial in Seattle**, thanks you for the many cards, calls, and expressions of prayer support over the last several weeks. He is slowly returning to a work schedule. Cards may be sent to his home address: 14017 15th Ave. N. E. #202K, Seattle, WA 98125.

† **Rev. Brent Bretheim (ret.)** is recovering from back surgery. Cards may be sent to: 9105 Fortuna Drive, #8211; Mercer Island, WA 98040.

† The family of **Sarah (Sally) Bremer, widow of the Rev. Melvin Bremer**. Sally passed away in December. She was 94 years old. Her funeral service took place at Trinity in Kirkland on January 5. Memorials may be sent to: Rev. E. Melvin Bremer and Sally Bremer Student Scholarship Fund, Trinity Lutheran College, 4221 228th Ave SE, Issaquah, WA 98029. Peace to her memory.

† The family of **Sue Houglum.** Sue's father, Joe, passed away in December. Sue is a professor at Trinity Lutheran College and wife of Rev. Mark Houglum. Peace to his memory.

† The family of **Rev. Tim Wolbrecht, Cross and Crown, Renton**. Pastor Tim's mother, Marie, passed away in early January. Peace to her memory.

† **Rev. Donna Reilly Williams** is continuing to recover from ankle surgery.

† **Rev. Paul Wuest** is continuing treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

† **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.)** as he continues to deal with progressive muscular dystrophy.

† **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)** as he continues to learn to do new things.

† At the regular **Tuesday worship and synod staff meeting,** we pray for our pastors, churches and members. We pray for all those affected by the South Asia Tsunami and for relief workers as they assess damage and assist victims. We pray for the people of Iraq as they prepare for elections. We pray for the people of Afghanistan and all people experiencing concern. We pray for peace.

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997.

Employment Opportunities

Position Open At Synod Office

The Northwest Washington Synod has a position open for Office Administrator. Primary responsibilities include records management and administration of all office systems. Related duties include scheduling, arranging travel, participation in the organization of public events and limited financial tasks. Considerable knowledge of ELCA, synod structures and functions of the Bishop's office are essential. Considerable knowledge of and experience with computer applications, and Microsoft Office. Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing. The successful candidate supports the work of the Bishop and the Assistant to the Bishop with ultimate responsibility and accountability to the Bishop. Discernment, respecting boundaries and confidentiality are critical. Salary DOE, full-time, includes benefits. Send resume and cover letter to Bishop Chris Boerger, 5519 Phinney Ave N, Seattle WA 98103. Call 206-783-9292 or email office@lutheransnw.org for full job description. Position closes January 31, dependent upon the number of applications received.

Church Receptionist/ Office Assistant

Full-time position available for Church Receptionist and Office Assistant at First Lutheran Church in beautiful downtown Bothell. A wonderful, growing congregation with many active volunteers, and a cheerfully busy office. If you're looking for a great place to use your varied office, phone, and computer skills, consider sending your resume` to Rev. Marillyn Schultz Rothermel at 10207 NE 183rd St. Bothell, WA 98011 or Fax it to 425-489-2047. Questions may be directed to her at 425-486-2314 ext 102.

Assistant to Ministry

Cross of Christ in Bellevue's Crossroads neighborhood seeks a full-time Assistant to Ministry to work with professional ministry staff and help the congregation reach its ministry goals. Responsibilities include coordinating workflow, overseeing publications, filing, managing support staff. The successful candidate will be solution oriented, able to handle challenging customers, fluent in Microsoft Office Suite, able to communicate in written and verbal English, familiar with church "work" (not required to have been employed by a church.) Cover letter/resume to: Pastor Tim Wolbrecht, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 411-156th Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98007. Email: PastorWolbrecht@cofclc.org.

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Anniversaries		
Gethsemane	Seattle, 125th Anniversary	
Central	Everett, Centennial	12/2004
Retirements		
Lowell Stordahl		10/1/2004
Deaths		
Rev. Alan Hoagland		12/5/2004

Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bellevue, Cross of Christ	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	TR	James Miley, Interim
Burien, Glendale	PR	I	Douglas Stensby, Interim
Camano, Camano	PR	TR	Chris Anderson, Interim
Edmonds, St. Matthew	PR	TR	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Interim pending
Everett, Our Savior's	A	TR	David Parks, Pastor
Mountlake Terrace, Bethesda	PR	TR	Steve Nelson, Interim
Renton, Cross & Crown	PR	P	Kate Schecter, Supply
Seattle, Peace	PR	C	Linda Nou, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	TR	Gary Larson, Interim
Trinity, Point Roberts	PR	TR	Supply

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis
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Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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